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Melvin Podoll

Services for Melvin T. Podoll, 60, rural Westport, were held Tuesday, June 14, at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbia, with the Rev. John Brunner officiating. Interment was in the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Columbia.

Casket bearers were all nephews, Roger Prunty, Tabor; LeRoy Podoll, Glen Podoll and Loren Podoll, Aberdeen; Clint Podoll, Fargo, N.D.; and Monte Podoll, Westport.

Phyllis Yeske was the organist and Karen Brunner, soloist. Ushers were Randy Buntrock, Keith Eichler and Terry Serr, all of Columbia.

Melvin Tobias Podoll was born at Timber Lake, on June 13, 1916 to Ferdinand and Anna Buntrock Podoll. In 1919 the family moved to the Columbia-Westport area, where he attended Parochial school and later graduated from Westport High School. He then farmed with his parents. He was married to Maxine Kelley at Columbia on November 14, 1939. They made their first home in Columbia where he worked as a mechanic for Rudy Buntrock until 1943 when they moved to the Westport area and farmed. He had lived on his present farm since 1948 where he died early Friday morning June 10, 1977.

He was a past Constable of Columbia. He had served on many of his church's boards, and was a life long member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbia. He was presently serving as supervisor of the Garland Township Board.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, three daughters, six brothers, two sisters and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.